

“The Truth” a Promise to Christians that the Sin Nature can be Defeated

Review: The Sin Nature

- The primary spiritual enemy is within: the sin nature, *aka* the flesh, sin principle, a propensity to sin, acting as though God does not set restraints.
- Each Christian has a sin nature (1 Jn. 1:8).
- The article—this one, not that one.
- “The Truth”: the specific truth to thwart the sin nature (Jn. 8:34, 36).
- “The Truth” is not all of Scripture; it is not all of the New Testament; it is not applicable to all our spiritual enemies.

A. “The Truth” in relationship to Christ’s House.

³⁴ ***Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly I am telling you that everyone habitually sinning is a slave of the sin (nature).*** ³⁵ ***And this slave of the sin (nature) is not at ease in the house into the age; the Son is at ease into the age*** (John 8:34-35).

- a) The coming age (Mk. 10:30; 1 Jn. 5:11-13).
- b) Each Christian is in Christ’s house.
- c) Not all Christians are at ease in His house.
- d) “The Truth” if used sets the Christian free from slave-ship to the sin nature.
- e) “The Truth” if experientially known puts the Christian at ease in Christ’s house.

B. Moses’ House (Heb. 3:1-5).

- a) Moses’ house a different from Christ’s house (Heb. 3:2).
- b) Moses’ house an inferior house (Heb. 3:3).
- c) Moses was faithful in his house (Heb. 3:5).
- d) Moses was a house servant to his house (Heb. 3:5)
 - He gave up his witness to Aaron (Ex. 4:10-17).
 - He was less than his potential.

C. Christ’s House (Heb. 3:6).

Moses was faithful in his house . . . ⁶ ***But Christ as Son is over His house, whose house we are. If we should hold fast to the end the confidence and the result of rejoicing from the hope then we will be faithful also*** (Heb. 3:6).

- a) The conditional clause “if” we hold fast.
- b) The result left out but presumed in context: then will be faithful (an ellipsis).
- c) All Christians are in Christ’s house; not all Christians are faithful in the house.
- d) Faithful Christians hold fast the specific hope (Heb. 6:19).